

HOUSE RESOLUTION 250
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Henry J. Lyons upon being recognized at the NAACP Image Awards and for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and with exceptional devotion; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Dr. Henry J. Lyons, who is being honored at the NAACP Image Awards; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lyons is the Pastor of Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, Florida; and

WHEREAS, he received a Bachelor of Science from Bethune Cookman College, a Bachelor of Divinity from Morehouse School of Religion, a Doctor of Divinity from Cincinnati Baptist College, a Doctor of Sacred Theology from Hebrew Union University and a Doctor of Divinity from Bethune Cookman College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lyons serves astutely as the President of the National Baptist Convention, the President Emeritus of the Florida General Baptist Convention and the President of Ecumenical Counselor Community Concerns, Incorporated; he lectures on National Prominence in Civic & Community Affairs in Black History and Human Relations at colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, he has served with distinction as the Academic Dean of Cincinnati Baptist College, the Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Thomaston, Georgia and the Pastor of Abyssinians Baptist Church in Brunswick, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the church and in academia, Dr. Lyons still finds time to lend his incredible talents to serve on the boards of many organizations, including Florida Informed Parents, Florida Memorial College, American Baptist College, Pinellas Boy Scout of America, Pinellas County United Way and Florida Commission for MLK recognition; and

WHEREAS, he is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife Deborah L. Lyons; and

WHEREAS, his accomplishments make him a most deserving candidate for the NAACP Image Award; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Dr. Henry J. Lyons for his dedication to the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Dr. Henry J. Lyons upon being recognized at the NAACP Image Awards and for his outstanding service to the state of Tennessee, and wish him every continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.